

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1 to 38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable method of providing information comprising: ~~An information providing method for providing information to a user, comprising:~~

~~a first storing step, of storing a code, first information corresponding to the code and a keyword associated with the first information to a first database~~ a first information associated with an identification code in a database;

~~a first search step, of searching in the first database for first information corresponding to an inputted code~~ for first information corresponding to an inputted identification code, wherein the first information has a keyword which is different from the identification code associated with the first information;

~~an obtaining step, of obtaining a first keyword associated with the first information searched for in said first search step;~~

~~a second search step, of searching for second information based on the first keyword obtained in said obtaining step~~ keyword of the searched first information; and

~~an output step, of outputting the first information searched for in said first search step together with the second information searched for in said second search step~~ content of the searched first information and content of the searched second information together.

40. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, wherein the first ~~keyword~~ information has a weight value, and

said second search step is executed based on the keyword of the searched information and in consideration of the weight value of the first keyword.

41. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, wherein said second search step is executed when ~~a printing output is instructed~~ an output layout of content of the searched first information is determined.

42. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, wherein said second search step is executed based on the keyword of the searched first information and in consideration of information of a terminal via which the user inputted the code corresponding to the first information at least property information of a user who inputs the identification code or device property information of an output device, which is used to output content of the searched first information and content of the searched second information together.

43. (Currently Amended) An ~~information providing apparatus~~ for providing information ~~to a user~~, comprising:

~~a first storing unit, arranged to store a code, first information corresponding to the code and a keyword associated with the first information to a first database;~~

~~a first search unit, adapted to search in the first database for first information~~

corresponding to an inputted code;

~~an obtaining unit, adapted to obtain a first keyword associated with the first information searched for by said first search unit;~~

an acquisition unit adapted to acquire an identification code;

a first search unit adapted to search for first information corresponding to the acquired identification code, wherein the first information has a keyword which is different from the identification code corresponding to the first information;

a second search unit, adapted to search for second information based on the first keyword ~~obtained by said obtaining unit, and~~ of the searched first information;

~~an output unit, adapted to output the first information searched for by said first search unit together with the second information searched for by said second search unit~~

an output unit adapted to output content of the searched first information and content of the searched second information together.

44. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying a program for implementing an information providing method for providing information to a user, comprising:

~~program code for a first storing step, of storing a code, first information corresponding to the code and a keyword associated with the first information to a first database;~~

~~program code for a first search step, of searching in the first database for a~~

~~first information corresponding to an inputted code;~~

~~program code for an obtaining step, of obtaining a first keyword associated with the first information searched for in the first search step;~~

~~program code for an acquisition step, of acquiring an identification code;~~

~~program code for a first search step, of searching for first information corresponding to the acquired identification code, wherein the first information has a keyword which is different from the identification code corresponding to the first information;~~

~~program code for a second search step, of searching for second information based on the first keyword obtained in the obtain step, and of the searched first information;~~

~~program code for an output step, of outputting the first information searched for in the first search step together with the second information searched for in the second search step~~

~~program code for an output step, of outputting content of the searched first information and content of the searched second information together.~~

45. (Canceled)

46. (Canceled)

47. (New) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein the first information has weight value, and

said second search unit is executed based on the keyword of the searched first information and in consideration of the weight value of the keyword.

48. (New) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said second search unit is executed when an output layout of content of the searched first information is determined.

49. (New) The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said second search unit is executed based on the keyword of the searched first information and in consideration of at least property information of a user who inputs the identification code or device property information of an output device which is used to output content of the searched first information and content of the searched second information together.

50. (New) A method for providing information, comprising:
an acquisition step, of acquiring an identification code;
a first search step, of searching for first information corresponding to the acquired identification code, wherein the first information has a keyword which is different from the identification code corresponding to the first information;
a second search step, of searching for second information based on the keyword of the searched first information;
an output step, of outputting content of the searched first information and content of the searched second information together.

51. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein the first information has weight value, and
said second search step is executed based on the keyword of the searched first information and in consideration of the weight value of the keyword.

52. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein said second search step is executed when an output layout of content of the searched first information is determined.

53. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein said second search step is executed based on the keyword of the searched first information and in consideration of at least property information of a user who inputs the identification code or device property information of an output device which is used to output content of the searched first information and content of the searched second information together.

54. (New) A system comprised by a server and an apparatus, the system for providing information to a user, comprising:

said server comprising:

a first storing unit adapted to store a first information associated with an identification code in a database;

said apparatus comprising:

a first search unit adapted to search for first information corresponding to an

inputted identification code, wherein the first information has a keyword which is different from the identification code associated with the first information;

a second search unit adapted to search for second information based on the keyword of the searched first information; and

an output unit adapted to output content of the searched first information and content of the searched second information together.